

Rev. Jones Was CIA Agent, Suit Alleges

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SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Survivors of the Peoples Temple tragedy and relatives of the dead followers of the Rev. Jim Jones sued the federal government Wednesday, claiming it conspired in the deaths of more than 900 cult members.

The suit for personal injury and violation of civil rights charges that former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and former CIA Director Stanfield Turner participated in a conspiracy with Jones to control temple members who held socialist beliefs.

The suit alleges that Jones was an "employee, servant, agent or operative" of the CIA from 1963 until his death along with 912 other temple members in a mass murder-suicide in Guyana.

The suit charges that the CIA knew "that they had commissioned James Warren Jones to embark upon a plan to control and to ultimately massacre members of the Peoples Temple."

Jonestown Survivors Sue

Jones Called CIA Agent

By Erica Goode

A group of Jonestown survivors and the parents of a 19-year-old Guyana victim filed a \$63.4 million suit against the federal government yesterday, charging that People's Temple leader Jim Jones was a CIA agent.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court, also accuses U.S. government agencies and officials of conspiring with Jones in a macabre plot to control political dissidence. Government officials knew about Jones' plans for the mass murder-suicide of his followers as early as seven

months before the November 1978 tragedy, the suit charges.

"I want some disclosure, I want some changes," said Robert Bockelman, the attorney who filed the suit for the group. "Jonestown" occurred, and a thousand people died and nothing changed in our society."

The seven plaintiffs seek \$50 million in compensation for violations of their civil rights and another \$13.4 million in personal injury damages.

From 1963 until November 18, 1978, the suit alleges, "James Warren Jones was an employee, servant, agent, or operative of

the... Central Intelligence Agency."

The suit also charges that former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and former CIA director Stanfield Turner took part in a conspiracy to "enhance the economic and political powers of James Warren Jones," in order to gain control over "persons tending toward a socialist perspective."

Vance, Turner, the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Customs Service, the House of Representatives and several other past and present government officials are named as defend-

ants in the action.

Attorney Bockelman, conceding that the evidence he has collected against the government is mostly circumstantial, said he hopes the suit will bring to light previously hidden information about the government's complicity with Jones.

Monica Bagby, who was wounded in the ambush at the Port Kaituma airstrip that left San Mateo Congressman Leo Ryan and four others dead, claims in the suit that she was "falsely imprisoned for three months in Jonestown," and that she was "the victim of fraud and deceit..."

Bagby was a witness in the recent trial of Larry Layton on charges of conspiring to murder Ryan.

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